



City of Redmond Planning Commission July 9, 2003 Meeting Summary

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Kim Allen, Gordon Bluechel, Kate Dunn, Sue Petitpas, Martin Snodgrass

Staff in Attendance:

Lori Peckol, Terry Shirk, Rob Odle, Redmond Planning Department

Business Conducted:

Commission Chair Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioner McCarthy was excused. Commissioner Snodgrass announced that Peter Ku had resigned from the Planning Commission.

The Commission approved the agenda and meeting minutes for July 2 with one correction.

Commissioner Snodgrass opened the study session on preliminary preferred growth strategy by noting that the meeting would begin with a special presentation. Lori Peckol introduced Suzanne Britsch, Founder and Owner of Real Vision Research. She explained that Ms. Britsch has recently prepared an assessment of residential market trends for 13 cities in King County, including Redmond. The study included analysis of demographic data, housing statistics, and projected housing demand. Staff had asked Ms. Britsch to present the results in preparation for the Planning Commission's upcoming work on housing policies and regulations.

As part of her presentation, Ms. Britsch presented information on demographic trends, prices for homes and lots in Redmond, and what these trends suggest for the future of housing demand and supply. Ms. Britsch responded to questions from Commissioners and staff.

Continuing with the study session, the Planning Commission then discussed ideas to include in an updated vision statement. The Commission started by reviewing ideas identified during their previous long-range vision session to determine if the concepts still seemed to fit or needed any further clarification given community feedback to date. The Commissioners then discussed preferred images for concepts not covered during the previous session, including transportation connections, character of streets, other elements of community character, parks and recreation, and other areas. During the course of this discussion, the Commissioners asked for additional information on the goals for Riverwalk.

The Planning Commission then reviewed the extended calendar. The Commissioners briefly discussed next steps with the Shoreline Master Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.